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Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-207 Commodity Specifications, FV207-CS1

AMENDMENT NO. 8

PURCHASE OF DRIED FRUIT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CHILD NUTRITION, NEEDY FAMILY AND OTHER DOMESTIC FEEDING PROGRAMS

The purpose of this amendment is to add commodity specifications for Dried Blueberries to the Commodity Specifications, FV207-CS1, as amended, for Dried Fruit. The Commodity Specifications, FV207-CS1, as amended, for Dried Fruit is hereby revised to reflect the following:

II. Individual Commodity Specifications

P. Dried Blueberries

Specifications for dried blueberries will be set forth in the individual Invitations.

- 1. **Quality:** Per CID A-A-20299A, July 10, 2000
- 2. Sizes: 10 lb. bags

8/2 lb. bags 25 lb. bags

- 3. Type: Type IV
- 4. Variety: Cultivated (Variety A)
- 5. Grade: Made from frozen blueberries, U.S. Grade B or Better
- 6. Inspection: Representatives of the AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Processed Products Branch (PPB) will perform inspection of the frozen blueberries in accordance with the United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Blueberries and the requirements of the individual invitation. The PPB grader will also determine the quality of the dried blueberries in accordance with the requirements of the commodity specifications.
- 7. Primary Container:

Bag: The product must be packaged in a see-through bag of the type and material normally used in commercial practice. The package must be heat-sealed.

Alternative packing maybe commercially acceptable laminated polyethylene or nylon bags of 2.0 mil linear low-density polyethylene



(LLDPE) laminated to .48 mil saran coated polyester (KPET) or equivalent. The bag must also have a resealable zipper.

8. Secondary Container:

The 10 lb -see-through bags must be packed 1 per case; the 2 lb. see-through bags must be packed 8 per case; the 25 lb. see-through bags must be packed 1 per case in new domestic 200 pound test corrugated fiberboard cases with an S, H, or Snake type divider of the same test, constructed so as to ensure acceptance by common carrier for safe transportation for domestic shipment. Shipping cases can be sealed with tape or glue. Tack sealing is not acceptable.

9. Fumigation is not required.

III. Inspection and Checkloading

A. Requirements (Paragraph 2)

Inspection of dried products must be performed not more than 90 days prior to shipment. Whether each lot offered meets the product and container requirements of the contract must be determined on the basis of representative sample units. Representative sample units will be graded according to the Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Dried Fruits and Vegetables and Related Products, and United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers, effective on the date of the Invitation. With respect to the trail mix, product must also be inspected after blending of the applicable individual components to ensure specification requirements are met.

Exhibit 4 Universal Product Codes

Dried Fruit	Primary Container	Secondary Container
Blueberries, Cultivated (10 lb.)	7 1500101309 5	1 07 15001 01309 2
Blueberries, Cultivated (8/2 lb.)	7 1500101307 1	1 07 15001 01307 8
Blueberries, Cultivated (25 lb.)	7 1500101310 1	1 07 15001 01310 8

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

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Commodity Procurement Branch Fruit and Vegetable Program